

Saint David's Day Dinner

March 1, 2007

Carbondale, PA 18407

CARBONDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM, INC.

Located on the third floor of Carbondale City Hall, Main Street, Carbondale, PA

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January 6, 2007

Ms. Karen Elkins
First Presbyterian Church
76 Salem Avenue
Carbondale, PA 18407

Dear Ms. Elkins:

In 2004, 2005, and 2006, the Carbondale Historical Society, together with the Carbondale St. David's Day Committee, hosted St. David's Day historical programs and dinners in Carbondale: in 2004 at the Church Street Grille (now the site of the Bardos Restaurant), in 2005 in Durfee Parish Hall of the Trinity Episcopal Church; in 2006 in Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church.

All of those dinners were wonderfully successful events and were attended by a broad range of community and church leaders from Carbondale and the surrounding area.

Again this year, the Carbondale Historical Society would like to host the annual Carbondale St. David's Day Dinner in Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church on St. David's Day, March 1.

This letter, then, is a request that the Carbondale Historical Society be granted permission to host the 2006 St. David's Dinner in Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

If we are granted permission to do so, we will comply with all rules, regulations, and procedures that must be followed in using Fellowship Hall.

The dinner itself will be prepared and served by a local caterer, probably Bob McDonnell of Carbondale.

Sincerely,

S. Robert Powell

S. Robert President
Executive Director

21 Hedgerow Run
Clarks Summit, PA 18411
February 1, 2007

Dear Dr. Powell,

The St. David's Male Chorus will be honored and happy to join you on Thursday, March 1st at the Presbyterian Church of Carbondale for the St. David's Day celebration. I'm estimating the performance time will be about 7:30 pm and our program will run about 35-40 minutes.

The selections are:

1. The Ash Grove arr. Wick
 2. Hush My Little Darling Welsh Lullaby
 3. Land of Wales-Land of Song Sammes
 4. We'll Keep a Welcome (audience participation)
 5. Gwahaddiad arr. Davies — *soloist - Dan Morgan*
 6. Calon Lan (Heart so Pure) arr. Walters
- Encore?

We will also come prepared with the music for both National Anthems.

Please call if there are any questions- 587-5889

Sincerely,

Frances E Justin

Cc: Joseph Pascoe

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February 8, 2007

Dear Members and Friends:

On Thursday, March 1, 2007, to commemorate and celebrate the Welsh heritage of Carbondale, the Historical Society will host the fourth annual Carbondale St. David's Day Dinner, Concert, and Historical Program. This Welsh Heritage evening will take place in Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

The sit-down dinner (roast pork) will be catered by Bob McDonnell. The musical highlight of the evening will be a performance by the St. David's Welsh Male Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Fran Justin. An interesting historical program will take place immediately following the concert.

This St. David's Day celebration will be an event that will be of special interest to all persons who are interested in celebrating the rich heritage of Carbondale and the Lackawanna Valley, regardless of whether or not they are of Welsh descent.

To make reservations for this dinner, concert, and historical program, contact Barbara James Campbell (222-9229) or Joseph Pascoe (282-4234) or mail in the reservation form that is enclosed. Reservations must be received by Monday, February 26th.

Sincerely,

**S. Robert Powell
Executive Director**

2/21/2007

Calendar

Carbondale Historical Society will host the fourth annual St. David's Day Dinner Concert and Historical Program on Welsh heritage Thursday, March 1 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church. For reservations, call Joseph Pascoe, 282-4234; or Barbara Campbell, 222-9229, by February 26.

Carbondale Historical Society and the D&H Transportation Museum will host a railroad seminar Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, free of charge and open to the public, conducted by Dr. S. Robert Powell.



St. David's Day Dinner, Concert, and Historical Program

March 1, 2007

**Hosted by the
Carbondale Historical Society
and Museum**

**St. David's Day Committee
Barbara James Campbell, Joseph Pascoe,
S. Robert Powell, and Eleanor Spellman**



**To be born Welsh is to be born privileged.
Not with a silver spoon in your mouth, but
with music in your blood and poetry in your soul.**

**Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church
North Church Street, Carbondale, PA**

PROLOGUE

**Welcome.....Dr. S. Robert Powell, President of the
Carbondale Historical Society and Master of Ceremonies**

**Invocation.....Rev. James Schmidt, Pastor
North Valley Baptist Church**

DINNER

Catered by Bob McDonnell, Carbondale

**Cawl Cennin (Welsh Leek Broth)
Tossed Salad**

Roast Loin of Pork with Prune and Apple Stuffing

Apple Sauce

Mashed Potatoes

Glazed Carrots

Rolls and Butter

Peach Shortcake

Table Decorations

Daffodils blossom at the time of St. David's Day and are inseparable from Welsh history and tradition. No St. David's Day celebration would be complete without daffodils. The leek has been the Welsh national badge for many centuries. In Wales, it is customary to wear a leek on St. David's Day.

According to a legend used by English poet Michael Drayton, 1563-1631, the leek was associated with St. David because he ordered his soldiers to wear it on their helmets in a battle against the Saxon invaders of Britain that took place in a field full of leeks.

Welsh archers (perhaps in the Battle of Crecy and others) adopted the green and white colors of the leek as early as the 14th century to distinguish their uniforms from those of their enemies.

St. David's Day Proclamation

**The Honorable Justin M. Taylor
Mayor of the City of Carbondale**

CONCERT

Opening Remarks and Reading of the Poem, *The Choir*, by
Barbara James Campbell

National Anthems: *The Star-Spangled Banner*; and *Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (The Land of My Fathers)* (words and music given here on pages 6-7)

St. David's Welsh Male Chorus

Mrs. Fran Justin, Director; Mr. Gene Hopkins, Piano

The Ash Grove (arr. Wick)

Hush My Little Darling (Welsh Lullaby)

Land of Wales - Land of Song (Sammes)

*We'll Keep a Welcome**

Gwahaddiad (arr. Davies) Soloist: Dan Morgan

Calon Lan (Heart So Pure) (arr. Walters)

* Everyone is invited to join the Chorus in a repeat of the refrain. The words are printed below.

We'll keep a welcome in the hillsides,
We'll keep a welcome in the vales,
This land you knew will still be singing,
When you come home again to Wales,
This land of song will keep a welcome,
And with a love that never fails,
Will kiss away each hour of Hiraerth
When you come home again to Wales,
Will kiss away each hour of Hiraerth,
When you come home again to Wales.

"Blessed is a world that sings. Gentle are its songs."

T. Gwynn Jones

St. David's Welsh Male Chorus

The year 2007 marks the fifty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the St. David's Welsh Male Chorus of Scranton, PA. The Chorus is very active throughout the year in Scranton and northeastern Pennsylvania.

The chorus was organized in 1949 by the late William R. Hughes of Scranton. The group inherited ninety percent of its musical library from the Scranton Yunger Maennerchor. Some of the original Welsh members were Arwel Hughes (brother of William Hughes), Dan Protheroe, Emrys Jones, and Bryan Davies.

Directing the chorus at the present time is Mrs. Fran Justin from Clarks Summit, who is also director and organist for the Ransom Methodist Church. The accompanist is Mr. Gene Hopkins. There are twelve men in the chorus at present: first tenor, 3; second tenor, 2; baritone, 3; and bass, 4.

Welsh Motto

Y Gwir Yn Erbyn y Byd

(The Truth against the World)

The Ancient Order of Ivoriads

The ancient order of Ivorites, or as the Welsh term them "Ivoriads," held their first celebration in the United States in Carbondale in August 1855 by a procession and other public exercises. The procession paraded through the principle streets of Carbondale, under the direction of Thomas Voyle, Esquire, as chief marshal, aided by Edward Roberts, Esquire, assistant.

The order was established in America in the fall of 1853 when a few patriotic Welshmen, inspired by a praiseworthy and benevolent sentiment, organized a Lodge in Carbondale--the germ of the Order in America--since which time they have increased in numbers and influence.

HISTORICAL PROGRAM

Opening Remarks.....S. Robert Powell

Welsh Cooking.....Barbara Campbell

The Honorary Ivorite Degree.....S. Robert Powell

Remarks.....Jerry Williams

**President (as of tomorrow) of the St. David's
Society of Lackawanna County**

Celebrating and Sharing Our Heritage.....Everyone

***God Bless America*.....Everyone**

First Eisteddfod in America Held in Carbondale, Christmas Day 1850

Dr. D. E. Jones, Mus. Bac., wrote Chapter XIX, Music in Lackawanna County, in Thomas Murphy's two-volume *Jubilee History [of] Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania* that was published in 1928, commemorative of the 50th anniversary of the creation of Lackawanna County.

Therein, in Volume One (pp. 338-39), Murphy states: ". . . it may be well to point to Carbondale as the birthplace of Eisteddfod, not only in this county but in the United States. . . The Carbondale eisteddfod referred to was held Christmas Day, 1850, and among the literarians and musicians who attended were Daniel Davies, Rev. John Moses, Thomas Eynon, Rev. Thomas J. Phillips (Cyw Ionawr), and Edward Jones. These were the pioneer eisteddfodwyr of America."

Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (Land of My Fathers)

Moderately, fervently

WELSH MELODY
JAMES JAMES (IAGO AP IEUAN) (1833-1902)
Arr. GWYNN WILLIAMS

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by 'C') and a key signature of one flat (indicated by 'F'). The first staff uses a treble clef (G-clef), the second staff uses a bass clef (F-clef), the third staff uses a treble clef, and the fourth staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are written in both Welsh and English, corresponding to the musical phrases.

*Mae hen wlad fy nhad-au yn an-nwyl I mi,
The land of my fathers, the land of my choice.*

*Gwlad beirdd a chan-tor-ion, en-wog-ion o fri;
The land in which po-ets and mins-trels rejoice;*

*Ei gw-rol ry-fel-wyr, gwlad-gar-wyr tra mad,
The land whose stern warriors were true to the core,*

*Tros ry-ddid go-llas-ant eu gwaed.
While bleed-ding for free-dom of yore.*

CHORUS

*Gwlad, Gwlad, pleid - iol wyf i'm gwlad.
Wales! Wales! Fav' - rite land of Wales!*

*Tra mor yn sur i'r bur hoff
While sea her wall, may naught befall*

*Bau, O by - dded i'r hen aith bar - hau.
To mar the old lan - guage of Wales.*

Welsh Words,
Evan James (*Ieuan ap Iago*)
(1809 – 1878)

English Words,
Ebenezer Thomas (*Eban Ffardd*)
(1802 – 1863)



Some Interesting Facts about Welsh Americans

Fifteen signers of the Declaration of Independence were Welsh or of Welsh descent, as have been nine presidents of the United States.

These colleges and universities were founded by Welshmen: Yale, Princeton, Brown, William and Mary, Virginia, Johns Hopkins, and Andover.

Robert Morris (Revolutionary War financier), William Penn, and Roger Williams were all Welsh.

In the stairway in the Washington Monument, about half way up, is a stone with this Welsh inscription: "BY IAITH, GY NGWALD,
FY NGHENEDL WALES... CYMRU AM BYTH."

In 1729 a small group of Welsh people living in Philadelphia founded the Society of Ancient Britons to honor St. David. After the Revolutionary War, the group reorganized as the St. David's Welsh Society of Philadelphia. It is the oldest national society in the United States.

Twenty Welsh families left Wales on May 6, 1830, arriving in New York on July 2, and in Carbondale on July 14, 1830. These Welsh pioneers came to Carbondale to work in the newly established mines of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company. Among them were four regular Baptists, John and James Bowen and their wives. John was a deacon in the church from whence he came, while James was a minister of the Baptist faith. Mrs. John Bowen, born Martha Phillips in September 1778, was a member of the Lanwenarth Baptist Church in Wales, where she and John Bowen were married in 1808. Mrs. Bowen died in Blakely on December 13, 1858, at the age of 82.

In 1880, there were as many as 83,302 natives of Wales in America. In 1890, there were 100,079 Welsh born in the United States.

Three Welsh churches were established in Carbondale in the 1830s by the pioneer Welsh settlers of Carbondale: Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church (established in 1832 or 1833); First Baptist Church (formed spring 1833, dissolved spring of 1891); Welsh Congregational Church (established 1835. The Berean Baptist Church (English Baptists, many Welsh members), was established March 1, 1848.

The Welsh Hill church: Bethel Congregational Church, incorporated April 12, 1869. The settlement of Welsh Hill was begun by Thomas and Hannah Watkins, natives of Carmaerthenshire, South Wales, who left Wales in 1831, and after a voyage of about 2 months, landed in New York. In 1832, they were in Carbondale, where Mr. Watkins worked in the anthracite mines. On May 10, 1833, they bought 50 acres of timber land at Welsh Hill, Clifford, for \$3 an acre, near the southwest base of the south knob of Elk Mountain. In 1834, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins were joined by other Welsh families and a permanent Welsh settlement was established. The present Bethel Congregational Church (the third building erected by the congregation) was dedicated on June 10, 1888.

No less than 22,000 Welshmen attended Welsh Day at Luna Park, Scranton, on July 27, 1907. Welsh and Welsh descendants from all parts of the county and from surrounding counties and from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and from cities in Ohio, Vermont, and Virginia converged on Scranton. An eisteddfod was held. One of the highlights of the day was the lighting of the lights, when Theodore Roosevelt pushed a button in the White House and the lights at Luna Park blazed into brilliance.

The Washburn Street Cemetery, Scranton, is one of the largest Welsh cemeteries in America, with over 18,500 interments therein, including 109 of the 165 men and boys, the majority of them Welsh, killed in the Avondale mine fire on March 6, 1869.

Cwmru am byth!
(Wales Forever!)

Thank You

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale: making available Fellowship Hall for this evening's dinner, concert, and historical program, with special thanks to Susan Postlethwaite and Beverly Conarton

Barbara James Campbell, Susan Mazza, Lynda Nepa, and Claudia Lopatofsky: the bakers of the Welsh cookies that were presented this evening.

Joseph Pascoe: making available the beautiful ceramic tea pots that were used to serve tea at this evening's dinner

Martin Roe and Tom Rinaldi: logistical support

Sweatshirts and License Plates

The Bangor (PA) High School Band will march in the Scranton Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 10.

Ted Frutchey, representing the Lackawanna County Saint David's Society, is raising funds to purchase lunch for the Bangor band members on the day of the parade by selling Welsh sweatshirts and license plates, both of which can be purchased here tonight or through welshnepa.org.

The Red Dragon

Y Ddraig Goch is the emblem of the Welsh people, and since the time of Uther Pendragon, father of King Arthur, the Dragon has been used on the Standards of the Welsh kings. The Dragon protected his own and inspired terror in the enemy. When Henry VII was crowned king of England in 1485, he ordered that the Red Dragon be officially displayed on the Welsh flag. Often the Red Dragon is allied with the words:

Y Ddraig Goch a ddyry Gychwyn
(The Red Dragon will show the way.)

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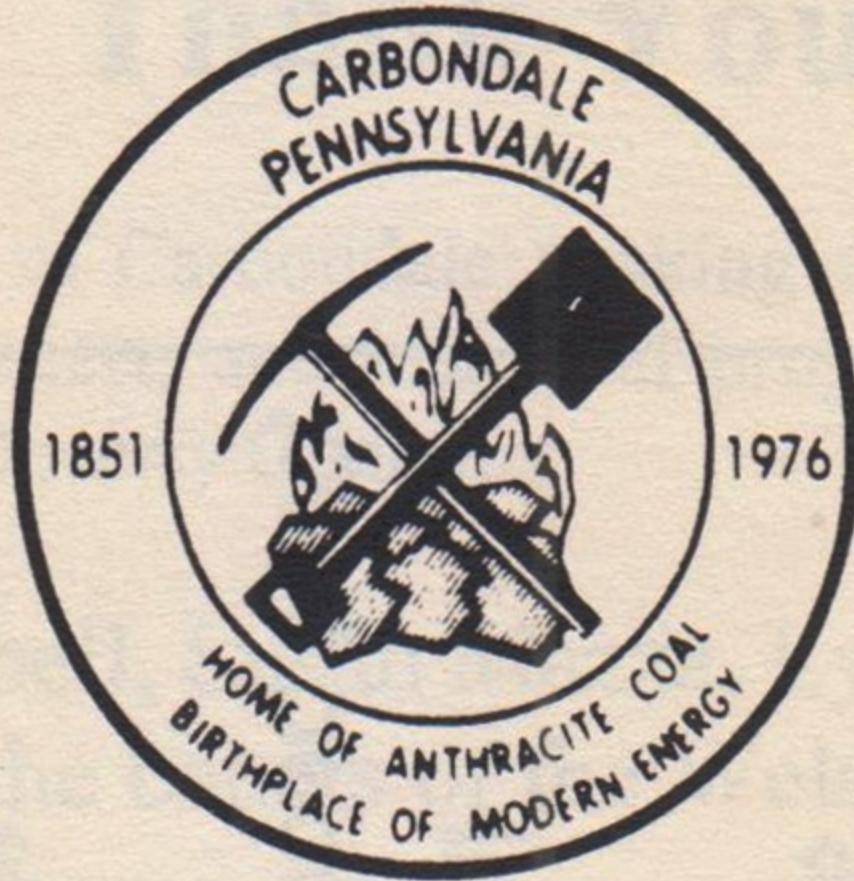
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www.geocities.com/srp18407/CarbondaleHistory.html

Individual annual membership, \$25; senior citizen, \$15; corporate member, \$100; supporting member, \$1,000.

We are a 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

The Carbondale Historical Society is a membership organization, with research facilities and services available to members and non-members.



Carbondale Historical Society

Mission Statement

The Carbondale Historical Society and Museum is an organized and permanent educational and historical organization whose mission is to record, gather, and preserve the history of the city of Carbondale and the surrounding area.

Through its genealogical and local history research center and exhibition galleries on the third floor of Carbondale City hall (listed in the National Register of Historic Places on January 6, 1983, through the efforts of the Society) and through an annual series of public lectures, programs, exhibitions, and commemorative ceremonies, in the community and in the public schools, the Society, at the same time, interprets and makes accessible to the public the City's rich, diverse, and unique history and heritage.

The Carbondale Historical Society and Museum is committed to the central values of (1) maintaining the highest possible standards in all its endeavors, (2) providing excellent service to the public at all times, and (3) demonstrating leadership and innovation in the field of local history.



City of Carbondale, Pennsylvania

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 2007-01

WHEREAS, Welsh men and women came into this valley in Northeastern Pennsylvania from the farms, industrial areas, and mountains of Wales, beginning in the second decade of the nineteenth century to establish their homes and new lives; and

WHEREAS, the Welsh who came here helped construct the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's Gravity Railroad from Carbondale to Honesdale, then worked in the company's anthracite mines in Carbondale and on the company's rail line in Honesdale; and

WHEREAS, these Welsh men and women, pioneers in the fullest sense of the word, were God-fearing folks and here, in what was then a virtual wilderness, established, within a decade of their arrival, no less than three houses of worship: the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church, and the Welsh Congregational Church; and

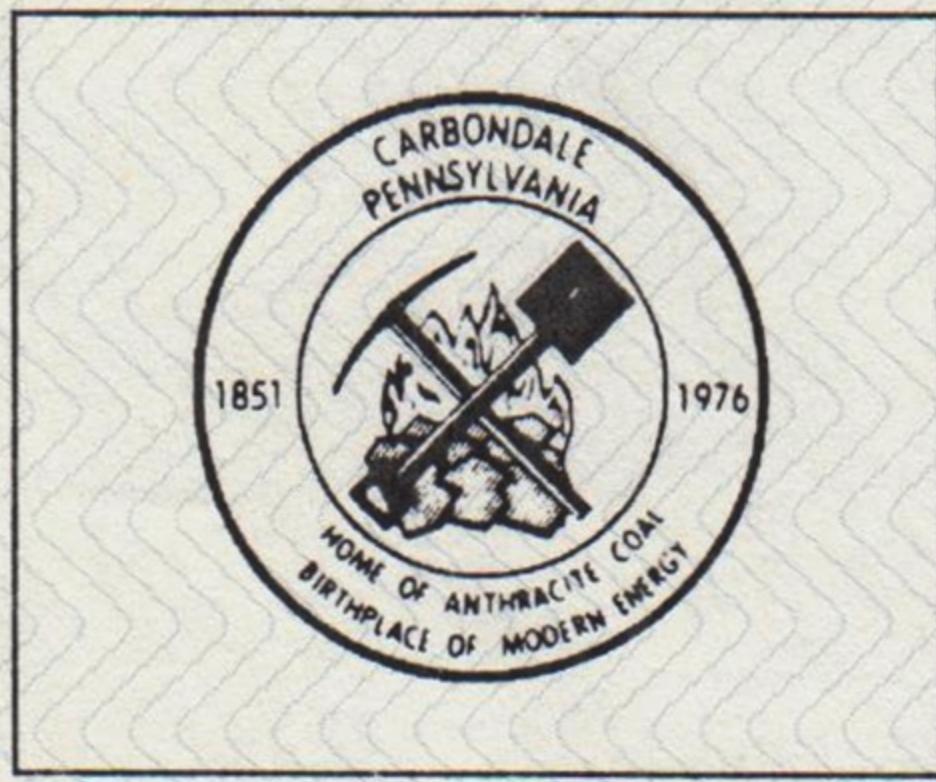
WHEREAS, the Welsh belief that the family and the church play a key role in community life, together with the energy, industry, ambition, desire to succeed, and capacity for hard work, these Welsh pioneers played a key role in the transformation of the village of Carbondale into a thriving industrial town and ultimately the "Pioneer City" of Lackawanna County; and

WHEREAS, those worthy Welsh men and women bequeathed to their families and to us, the community, a rich heritage, which we commemorate and celebrate today.

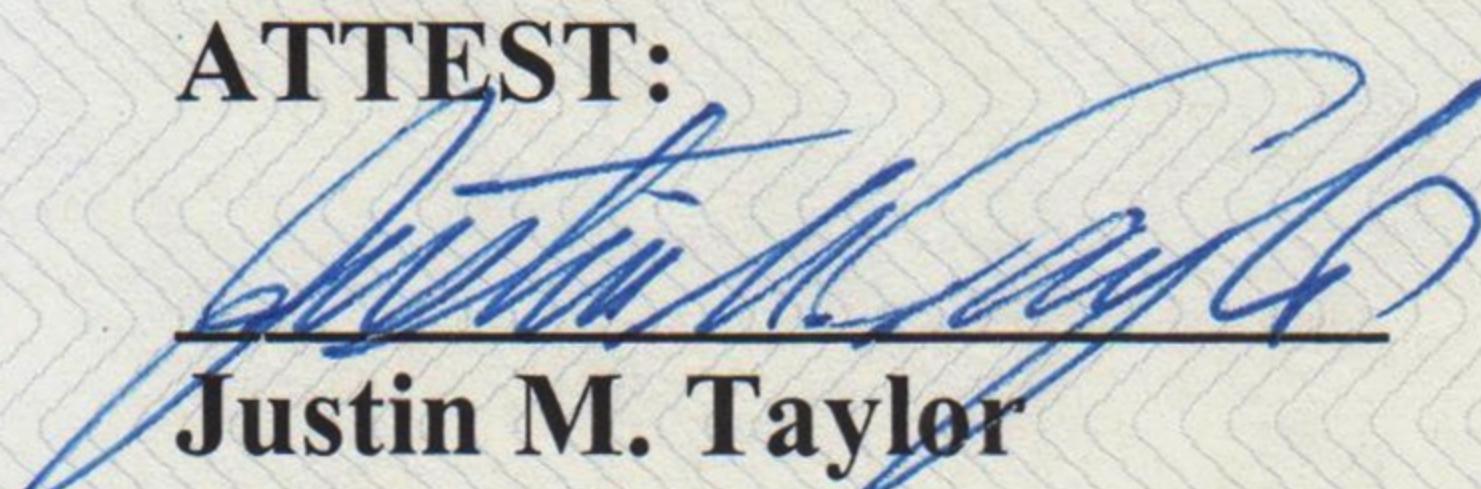
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Justin M. Taylor, Mayor of the City of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, do hereby acknowledge those assembled here and those who inaugurated this celebration of Carbondale's Welsh heritage. In addition, I do hereby proclaim *Thursday, March 1, 2007* as

WELSH HERITAGE DAY

and ask that all citizens recognize and commemorate this day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of the importance of the Welsh people to our City's history.



ATTEST:


Justin M. Taylor
Mayor

